

BRUCE TO FACE SERIOUS CHARGE

Hill Directory Company and Merchants Are After Him.

DETECTIVE WORKING CASE

Agent of American Association of Directory Publishers of Directory Publishers Here Yesterday.

T. A. Bruce, who claims to be the representative of the Publishers' Collecting Agency, of No. 373 Broadway, New York, is locked up in jail awaiting trial upon the charge of forgery.

He was arrested upon the complaint of the Hill Directory Company on Saturday, in the store of Mr. W. P. Longworth, near Seventh and Main Streets. Mr. Longworth swore out the warrant. Sergeant Wren made the arrest.

The game alleged in the warrant to have been worked by Bruce and his confederates is a new one as far as this part of the country is concerned. It is called the directory game.

A well dressed man, with good address, came to Richmond on February 1st, and began to solicit "theaters" for a directory. He came on a number of merchants and offered them space at the low price of \$2. This man succeeded in obtaining a number of subscriptions, and collected in each case. Now comes the game. He persuaded the victim to sign a "voucher" for \$2, which "voucher" set out that the person signing had paid \$2 to the Publishers' Collecting Agency. At the top of each "voucher" were the words: "I have paid." The man explained that he was obliged to turn in these vouchers to the home office.

These "vouchers" were then "doctored." The words "I have paid" were cut out and a regular "agreement to pay" printed above the signature of the victim. The features of the vouchers were altered and the signatures were changed. The old "voucher" became a "promise to pay" for considerable sums.

Bruce Arrives.

After a delay of two and a half months, T. A. Bruce arrived in Richmond and began to collect. In many instances merchants could not remember the former transaction, and rather than have a suit brought against them, paid the amounts claimed. One merchant paid \$2, saying that he was ill and did not care to have suit brought.

Detective's Statement.

When Bruce was arrested he had a number of vouchers in his possession, some of which had not been doctored.

Detective William E. Blanton, of New York, who is employed by the American Association of Directory Publishers, reached Richmond on yesterday to look after the case. When seen last night he said:

"Bruce claims to have an office at No. 373 Broadway, New York. There is a man named Levy, who has a large room at that number on Broadway, in which there are seventy-five desks, which he rents to persons who desire to say that they have an office in a respectable part of New York. This man may have rented a desk there, but he has no one here, and I do not care to have suit brought against him. There is no such directory as the Publishers' Collecting Agency, as far as we can learn. The game they are charged with playing here has been worked all over the country, and at every point agents have been able to take away a large amount of money. They have about twenty forms of 'vouchers' similar to the one used in Richmond, and all of them are printed in such a manner that they can be easily changed into a contract to pay money. The merchants who deal with them are unable to remember when or how they signed, but he knows his signature and pays, rather than face a suit. We have Bruce all right, and Mr. Wren did good work in running him down."

THREE RESIDENCES BURN THIS MORNING

This morning an alarm of fire was turned in at five minutes past two o'clock. Shortly thereafter a second alarm was sounded, caused by a stubborn blaze in the dwelling house of Mrs. F. P. Page, Nos. 104 106 and 108 North Seventeenth Street. All the houses were burned. Mrs. Page's house was damaged more than the others. The fact that the Chesapeake and Ohio houses were burned on the street caused alarm on the neighborhood and for this reason a second alarm was sounded.

At three o'clock the flames had been extinguished and the engines had started home.

GARDNER KNOCKED OUT IN TWENTIETH ROUND

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, April 17.—Mike Schreck, of Cincinnati, knocked out George Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., in the latter part of the twentieth round of a ferocious, long, and hard-fought fight. The knockout blow was an overhand right swing to the neck. Gardner rose before the tenth count, but was weak that the referee stopped the fight to save him further punishment.

New Japanese Loan.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 17.—A correspondent at Tokio of the Standard says that a fifth domestic loan of \$50,000,000 has been authorized on the same terms as the fourth domestic loan.

THE BEST TONIC

When the system gets debilitated and in a run-down condition it needs a tonic and there has never been one discovered that is the equal of S. S. S. It is especially adapted for a systemic remedy, because it contains no strong minerals to derange the stomach and digestion, and affect the liver and bowels. It is made entirely of roots, herbs and barks selected for their purifying and healing qualities, and possesses just the properties that are needed to restore to the body strong robust health. When the blood becomes impure and clogged with waste matters and poisons the body does not receive sufficient nourishment and suffers from debility, weakness, sleeplessness, nervousness, loss of appetite, bad digestion and many other disagreeable symptoms of a disordered blood circulation. S. S. S. builds up the broken down constitution, clears the blood of all poisons and impurities and makes it strong and healthy. The nerves are restored to a calm restful state, refreshing sleep had again, the appetite returns and the whole system is toned up by this great remedy. S. S. S. is a blood purifier and tonic and acts promptly in this run-down depleted condition of the system. Book on the blood and medical advice furnished by our physicians, without charge.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Manchester People Strongly Favor Annexation Idea.

REDMEN TO HAVE POW-WOW

Entertainment for Relief of Young Lady—Board to Meet.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 102 Hull Street.

The sentiment in Manchester is strongly in favor of annexation to Richmond. Citizens generally and business men are ready to fall into line and are anxious to change their postoffice address from Manchester to Richmond, without changing their place of habitation.

The people feel that the taxes to be derived for five years will put the streets in good shape and they feel that this section of the city would naturally be the manufacturing center. They also, see that the city would soon become a residential section of Richmond, where the cheaper houses may be had that are now so much in demand in Richmond.

A city official said last night that he would be glad to go into the city, on general principles, regardless of what became of him politically.

Anniversary Celebration.

Indianola Tribe of Red Men has about completed arrangements for the celebration of their twenty-sixth anniversary at Leader Hall next Monday night. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the friends of the organization and the members and admittance will be by card. There will be musical and other features, and one or two prominent Red Men will do a little talking of interest to Indians.

At the shooting at the meeting last night, the plan was very good of his prize.

Charity Entertainment.

A number of the leading entertainers of the city will get together at Toney's Hall to-night and give an entertainment for the benefit of a young lady, who is now very ill and in distressing circumstances. The hall will probably be filled with those who wish to help a good cause.

Meeting of Grand Jury.

The grand jury met yesterday and returned true bills against Ernest Farmer, Burley Mayo and W. W. Chappell. The former was indicted for the third offense of petit larceny and the two latter for failure to support their wives. Joe Goode was indicted for attempted criminal assault. The cases will be set for hearing to-day.

City Mission to Meet.

The City Mission will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Bradley to consider ways and means for further caring for the poor and needy of the city. This organization has done much good for those in need and will endeavor to continue their good work. A large attendance is expected.

Board to Meet.

The Board of Aldermen will meet in regular session to-night at 8 o'clock. There will be a lot of business work to be done and it is likely that the request of the firemen for an increase in pay will be granted.

Personals and Briefs.

Four negroes were fined \$2.50 each yesterday for being caught playing craps.

Charles Lowry was fined for being too full for urbane.

"Sore Jordan" who has been under the weather for several days, is better.

Deputy Sergeant Martin is out again, after an attack of malarial fever.

Miss Adah Cooke, who has been sick, is better.

Mrs. B. A. Goode and her little son, are visiting Mrs. Goode's mother, Mrs. C. S. Williamson, on West Fourteenth Street.

Mrs. Elder, mother of Mrs. George Blankenship, is considered no better.

AGED AND FEEBLE, KILLS HIMSELF

Secretary of Rand-McNally Co. Dead With Bullet Hole in Head.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 17.—T. C. Haynes, secretary of the Rand-McNally Publishing Company, shot and killed himself to-day in his room at the Marquette Club. He was almost eighty years old.

For some time it is said that Mr. Haynes had been despondent because of his physical condition. He was able to do little work and remained much of his time in the Marquette Club. Often he did not leave his own room there all day. To-day nothing was seen of him by the club attendant. Repeated calls at his door brought no response. Entrance was forced, and Mr. Haynes was found dead with a bullet hole through his skull.

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Combination Suits of heavy taffeta—can be worn as shirt waist or Eton—of an elegant quality of silk and a beautifully tailored costume, black and colors \$25.00

Easter Novelties In Hand Bags.

The Easter gift is a popular custom in many parts of the land. It is a pretty practice, that is growing much in favor in Richmond.

Amongst the many appropriate things in our store, probably nothing is more correct or acceptable than one of our swell new Hand Bags.

Latest shapes, newest leathers, blacks and colors to match the Easter gown, \$1 each to \$15

Rich qualities at \$2.50 to \$3

Allover Laces, Edges and Insertions.

These very attractive Laces are much in demand by stylish dressers.

And many an elegant Lace Waist owes its origin to this assortment.

All the popular kinds in White and Ecrú, in patterns that are strikingly rich and refined.

Oriental, Point Gaze and Pompadour are the things of the moment, at \$1 to \$5

Lace Galleons, white and ecru in Point Gaze, Venice, Point de Alost, Pompadour, all widths, for trimmings, 60c. to \$1.50

Grand Crepe Laces, Valenciennes at 3c. yard to \$1.25

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The Bargain Budget from the Annex.

Again the annex offers unusual and unqualified bargains. As usual, the underpriced materials are in immediate styles and in immense demand.

They are new, fresh and perfect—in a class above and beyond the qualities with which their little prices would usually be associated.

Fine White Dotted Swiss, a splendid 25c. quality, at 10c

White Batiste, full 47 inches wide, worth 25c. yard, at 17c

White French Lawn, very sheer, imported, full 48 inches wide, a good 50c. texture, at 35c

Canvas Suitings, pure linen, in all colors, fine quality, at 50c

White Persian Lawn, fine and sheer, 40 inches wide, a good lawn at 15c. a yard, yet our price is 10c

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Stylish New Waists of Silk and Lace.

These perfectly made, gracefully proportioned, stylish and effective Waists are fashion's newest capers for spring and summer wear.

One exceptional value is made of Japan silk, in black or white, with ample fullness and elaborate tuckings; it is as good in quality as it is low in price. \$3.50

Another of White Japan Silk, beautifully trimmed in Valenciennes laces, medallions and baby tucks, very dressy, at \$5.00

Others in white or cream, in silk and of lace—Point Gaze and Orientals, in very newest patterns, at \$5 each to \$15.00

Dressy Skirts of White Woolens.

This very pleasing assortment of well effects in White Skirts shows all the new materials in current demand—made up in resistless styles and tailored after fashions that the most exacting will admire.

Skirts of Cream Henrietta, shirred yokes and accented platings; a special value is this at \$5

Cream Mohair Skirts, many popular styles, \$5, \$5.50 and \$6 each.

Correct Shapes in Easter Parasols.

There is still a very comprehensive gathering of these—so varied that you are practically sure of matching your new frock; all brand new, of course, as everybody knows who has had occasion to view them.

In white and colors, plain and trimmed, best shapes and materials, at \$1 each to \$12

Some exceptional numbers at \$2.50 each to \$3.50

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TEACHERS' BUSY SIGHT SEEING

Buffalo Educators Visit the Crater Farm and Blandford.

The party of 20 teachers from Buffalo and neighboring points, who arrived in the city Saturday evening under the charge of Mr. H. C. DeGroat, principal of one of the Buffalo schools, is still in the city, most of them at Murphy's Hotel.

The visiting teachers spent the greater part of yesterday in Petersburg, whither they went on specially chartered cars of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, returning yesterday evening.

Mr. DeGroat expressed himself as much pleased with their trip and their stay here. In Petersburg the teachers visited the Crater battlefield and Old Blandford Church, and were afterwards entertained by the Y. M. C. A., and tendered a luncheon by one of the churches.

To-day the entire party will put in the day seeing Richmond and neighboring points, including a ride out to the Seven Chimneys battlefield, a visit to the Confederate Museum, the two medical colleges, the monuments and parks.

On the James To-morrow.

The visitors will leave to-morrow morning via the steamer Pocahontas for a daylight ride down the James, stopping at Jamestown. All of Thursday and Friday will be spent near the mouth of the James, at Newport News, Old Point, Sewell's Point, Virginia Beach, Cape Henry and neighboring points.

Last night the visitors met in the assembly hall of Murphy's Hotel annex and entertained themselves and a few visitors with music, vocal and instrumental, and with recitations and dances. Mr. L. L. Vaughan, a veteran tobacco warehouseman, was present and was called upon for a speech. Though unaccustomed to speaking to an audience of more than one young lady at a time, Mr. Vaughan found the inspiration too much for his native modesty and responded very happily.

Another party of teachers from Michigan arrived in the city Sunday night and left yesterday morning early for Norfolk. Most of this party are from Detroit. They are expected to stop here on the return trip.

SMITHS GET ALL LETTERS BACK

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 17.—There were two developments in the Nan Patterson case to-day—another postponement of the trial of the actress until to-morrow and the surrender by the district attorney of the letters and other effects whose recent seizure, with the trunk of Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Nan Patterson's sister, caused widespread interest. The bundle of letters, after considerable legal sparring, was finally returned to Mrs. Smith's counsel, Mr. Limburger, this afternoon, and was opened by him before newspaper men. It contained, besides the letters, the papers and some personal effects of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. Limburger declared he believed that he had got everything seized by Mr. Rand, and added that this is just the beginning of the suit, which will be argued Wednesday, to secure the permanent possession of the letters. Mr. Limburger said he did not see any need of the Wednesday's proceedings, as the effects had already been given up, so far as he knew.

GOVERNMENT GOODS SEIZED BY OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., April 17.—In a raid made this afternoon, between 9.00 and 9.50, a large quantity of government material was seized by secret service Officer William Cuthbert, City Detective W. M. Land and three sergeants of Marines from the city yard. This consisted of various articles of clothing, and was taken from a box factory and second hand clothing dealer at Portsmouth.

GREAT SUM FOR PANAMA CANAL

Taft Says Fifty to Seventy-five Millions Must be Added to Old Estimate.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 17.—Secretary Taft and members of the Panama Canal Commission were in session to-day at the offices of the Panama Railroad Company. A new board of directors of the Panama Railroad Company was chosen, and the following officers were elected:

President, Theodore P. Shonta; Vice-President and General Manager, John F. Wallace; Secretary and Treasurer, E. A. Drake; Assistant Treasurer, Sylvester Deming; Assistant Secretary, Thomas H. Robertson; General Counsel, Sullivan and Cromwell; Traffic Manager, R. L. Walker; Auditor, John Adams; Superintendent of the Panama Canal, H. G. Prescott; Executive Committee, President Shonta, Vice-President Wallace, Chase E. Magoun, William Nelson, Cromwell and C. R. Edwards.

The board ordered the double tracking and re-equipping of the railroad, and made an appropriation of \$1,250,000 for that purpose.

The directors and officers of the road held a protracted session after President Shonta made an informal statement. He said that the matter of rates had not been considered. The directors adopted a resolution to the effect that the president, vice-president and general manager of the railroad shall draw no salaries, except those to which they are entitled as officers of the company. Thereafter the board drew no fees for attending meetings of the board. All traveling expenses incurred in connection with the work of the commission or railroad company will be paid. Secretary Taft added:

"It is the intention of the government to cause to be added a number of new steamships to add to those of the Panama Steamship Company, so as to give a five-day service."

In regard to the canal, he said he believed between fifty and seventy-five millions would have to be added to the old estimate.

BONDS TO REDEEM PREFERRED STOCK

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 17.—The stockholders of the United States Steel Corporation in session at Hoboken, N. J., to-day rejected the eight retiring directors and ratified the purchase by the steel corporation of the Clairton Steel properties.

Daniel Wolfe, representing about 2,500 shares of common stock, introduced a resolution to the effect that the directors be authorized to issue 5 per cent. bonds for an amount sufficient at par to redeem the outstanding preferred stock of the corporation.

Chairman Gary said the question was too important to warrant action without notice in advance to the stockholders and public. The resolution was withdrawn and was left with the chairman to submit to the Board of Directors.

PATTERSON DUNNE'S NEW COMMISSIONER

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., April 17.—Mayor Dunne to-day appointed Joseph M. Patterson to be commissioner of public works. Mr. Patterson is twenty-six years of age, a grandson of the late Joseph Medill and son of W. B. Patterson, editor of the Chicago Tribune.



ISSUE ORDERS IN WILDERNESS

Secretary Loeb Has Stack of Papers for President to Pass Upon.

(By Associated Press.)

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLO., April 15.—Before President Roosevelt penetrates the wilds so far that communication with the outside world will be next to impossible, Secretary Loeb, with the aid of a courier, daily expected from the camp, will get in the President's trail and visit him in the mountains. The visit will be for the purpose of taking up with the President a number of important affairs that have come to the headquarters since Saturday. There are a number of commissions to be signed, as well as some departmental business that has been forwarded for attention.

Many invitations have come to Secretary Loeb and members of the official party staying at the Hotel Colorado to take excursions into the surrounding region in order to visit sights of interest. All of these have been declined or postponed until the arrival of the first courier from the President's camp.

Secretary Loeb discredits most of the stories of the hunt which have reached him. Several of these stories have been investigated and Secretary Loeb concluded that the tale-bearer could not have received reliable information from the President's camp.

A mile from the Hotel Colorado to-day a photographer, who said he represented a syndicate that sold pictures to newspapers, attached a wire to a telegraph line, which runs through a wild mountainous country and then attached a stumpy to a table. An assistant then posed for a picture, which, it is said, is to show how news is obtained from the President's camp. There is no telegraph line within miles of the original camp of the party, so far as is known to the President's party at Colorado Springs. The hunters intend to roam over a large area covering probably 100 miles before the hunt is concluded.

MAYOR UNABLE TO END STRIKE

Dunne Has Practically Given Up Hope of Settling Trouble in Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., April 17.—After a conference held in his office late this afternoon with representatives of the Teamsters' Union, Mayor Dunne announced that he had about given up hope of settling the Montgomery Ward and Company strike.

The most serious disturbances of the day occurred late in the afternoon at the intersection of State and Madison Streets. A mob numbering 600 persons gathered about a State Street cable car, in which James Jackson and Moses Flood, colored, who had driven a wagon to the Montgomery Ward and Company store, were riding. Stones and sticks were hurled at the car and in a twinkling every window in it was smashed. The mob then rushed into the car, and in order to protect the colored men from the crowd, arrested them. It took twenty officers, thirty minutes to drive away the crowd and open the streets again to traffic.

MRS. HANNAH NELSON DEAD IN NEW MARKET

(By Associated Press.)

PLAINFIELD, N. J., April 17.—Mrs. Hannah Nelson, mother of the late New Market Mayor, died at her home in New Market to-day. She was at one time a "bushy" woman in a clothing factory here. With other members of the family she was a part of the big estate of Charles J. Fair, the wealthy California, after the death of her husband. Fair in an automobile accident in France. The case was settled by agreement between the heirs.

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The Confederate Museum

Twelfth and Clay Streets. Opens daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Admission, 25c. Free on Saturday.

LOW RATE TO FORT WORTH, TEX., AND RETURN.

On account meeting General Assembly Presbyterian Church at Fort Worth, Texas, May 18-20, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Fort Worth at the very low rate of \$3.50 from Richmond, and comparatively low rates from other points. Tickets on sale May 16th, 18th and 19th, with final limit May 21st. The Southern Railway has two through connections daily with Pullman and dining cars. For detailed information apply to nearest ticket agent of Southern Railway, or write Richmond Transfer Company, or C. W. WESTBURY, D. P. A., 820 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Visitors of this institution, to be held on May 16, 1905, there will be elected a Professor of General and Special Anatomy. Also a Professor to the newly created Chair of Orthopedic Surgery. Applications for these Chairs, with testimonials, to be forwarded to CHRISTOPHER TOMPKINS, M. D., Dean, Richmond, Va.

J. B. McCaw, M. D., President of the Board.

D. D. Talley, Secretary.

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